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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS:

NOAA's Fisheries Service (NMFS) strives to fulfill its mandate to make the results of its scientific investigation available in a timely manner such that the highest levels of quality are maintained, and that they are distributed effectively and can be readily accessed. Toward this end, guidelines have been established for Agency staff to follow when publishing scientific or technical information.

This directive establishes the following authorities and responsibilities fully described in the procedural document "NMFS Policies on Scientific and Technical Publications" (See Attachment 1, and Instruction 04-101-01).

The effectiveness of attaining the objectives set out in this policy directive will be measured by Agency staff awareness of and adherence to NMFS policies on scientific and technical publications.

This policy directive is supported by the references and glossary of terms listed in Attachment 1.

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Attachment 1 (see Instruction 04-101-01)

Procedural Directives

1. NMFS Policies on Scientific and Technical Publications (3/01/99)